

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**  
**Technical Committee Meeting**  
**(Special Session of the UCTC Policy Committee to Follow Immediately After)**

**A G E N D A**

**May 1, 2018**  
**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER**

(Joint Rosendale/Marbletown Town Hall -- Former Rosendale Elementary School)  
1915 Lucas Avenue  
Cottkill, NY 12419  
**Room M-15**

**1. Technical Committee Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions (10:00am)**

**2. Call for Citizen Comments**

**3. Approval of the January 31, 2018 Technical Committee meeting summary**

**4. Communications and Announcements**

- *Draft Mid-Hudson TMA 2017 FHWA/FTA Certification Review*
- *Performance Management Agreement Notice*

**5. New Business**

- a) **Draft UCTC Resolution 2018-05: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Year (FFY) 2017 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT PIN 893294: Route 209/Catskill Branch RR Crossing Surface Replacement as Shown in Attachment 1.** At the request of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), an amendment to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is proposed in order to program a new project on the UCTC TIP. NYSDOT PIN 8932.94 programs \$0.180m in Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Rail funds for the purpose of replacement of surface materials at the Catskill Branch Railroad crossing on US 209 in the Town of Ulster. The project seeks to leverage timing of the pending closure and detour associated with the replacement of the nearby Route 209 bridge and will coordinate project construction timelines, thereby diminishing inconvenience to the travelling public. UCTC TIP Modification and Amendment Procedures stipulate that any new project or project phase to be added to the TIP requires Technical Committee Approval, 15 day public comment period, and Policy Committee approval prior to adoption. In an effort to expedite the referenced project to meet critical project deadlines, UCTC initiated public comment on April 19<sup>th</sup> with a deadline of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2018-05 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).*

- b) **Draft UCTC Resolution 2018-06: Apportionment of Unallocated Federal Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Capital Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.** In November of 2017, UCTC in conjunction with Dutchess County Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council, in their cooperative functions representing the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area, issued a call for projects for unallocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds. Three applications were received and reviewed by the MPOs with input and oversight from NYSDOT Region 8 Transit staff. The TMA selected one project for full

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funding, one project for partial funding, and one project for funding contingent on further study. In addition, discretionary funding was made available to public transit providers within each county for regional transit innovation or planning projects of their choice. Award details and project descriptions are provided in Attachment 1 of Draft Resolution 2018-06, which authorizes distribution of the awards to the respective applicants.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2018-06 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (30 minutes).*

- c) **Draft Resolution 2017-07: Amendment to the 2018 UCTC Unified Planning Work Program.** UPWP Project 44.23.02-03: Route 9W Corridor Study commenced in March 2017 with anticipated date of project completion March 31, 2018. The project was on schedule through January 2018 and staff anticipated full completion prior to the close of the State Fiscal Year. As such, the project was not included in the 2018 UPWP. Additional project needs were later identified after detailed review of the draft plan. UCTC staff in consultation with NYSDOT staff and the Technical Advisory Committee determined that additional, minor tasks would be preferred in order to successfully close the project. Project consultants BFJ Planning were asked to provide a scope of work for additional tasks to include:
1. Preparation of 7 examples of streetscape improvements and driveway consolidations to raise awareness of access management
  2. Attendance at an additional meeting
  3. Preparation of Rte 9W conceptual drawings to show the proposed lane reconfiguration of the study area
  4. Undertake capacity and Level of Service analysis for 3 segments on the study area to determine potential impacts of any lane configuration.

The cost proposal submitted by BFJ to perform these additional tasks was \$10,885. UCTC therefore requests an amendment to the 2018/19 UPWP to re-program project 44.23.02-03: Route 9W Corridor Study to the 2018 UPWP and transfer the necessary funds from the unprogrammed balance as shown in Attachment 1 of Resolution 2018-07. Amendment to the UPWP adding a new project requires approval by the Technical Committee, 15 day public comment and review period, followed by UCTC Policy Committee approval.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2018-07 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (15 minutes).*

- d) **Draft Resolution 2017-08: Performance Management Agreement between the Ulster County Transportation Council, New York State Department of Transportation, and Ulster County Area Transit and Kingston Citibus.** Draft Resolution 2018-08 seeks to address the planning requirements identified in the final rule on metropolitan and statewide planning published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. This final rule addresses changes to the metropolitan planning process stemming from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) including Performance Based Planning and Programming. It provides that States, MPOs, and providers of public transportation must jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO, and the collection of data for the State asset

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management plan for the National Highway System (NHS). The Chair of the MPO, NYSDOT, and both public transit providers must be signatories to this resolution.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2018-07 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (20 minutes).*

- e) **Draft Resolution 2017-09: Amendment to the uctc Federal Fiscal Year 2017 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program Document Narrative to Address Safety Performance Targets as Shown in Attachment 1.** Draft Resolution 2018-09 seeks to address the planning requirements identified in the final rule on metropolitan and statewide planning published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. This final rule addresses changes to the metropolitan planning process stemming from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST) including Performance Based Planning and Programming. The final rule provides that updates and amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program completed after May 27, 2018 must be compliant with the updated metropolitan and statewide planning rule addressing FHWA safety performance measures and targets. This resolution seeks to address that provision by amending the UCTC TIP to include language that addresses Safety Performance Targets as shown in Attachment 1.

*Recommended Action: Discuss the Draft Resolution 2018-09 and consider forwarding to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption (20 minutes).*

**6. Other/Old Business**

- a) **NYSDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Call for Local Projects.** NYSDOT indicated that a ‘fair share’ of \$0.530m in HSIP dollars would be provided to Ulster County from the Region 8 allocation for successful local project applications. One PSAP application was received by NYSDOT from the City of Kingston. NYSDOT indicated that the project cost of eligible projects in Kingston’s application totaled \$0.715. UCTC has coordinated directly with the applicant to refine the list of final projects to be submitted to NYSDOT for review.
- b) **UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs.** The 2017 – 2021 TIP included two “block program” PINs utilizing surplus allocations of STP FLEX and STBG Off-System Bridge funds. Funds in FFYs 17 & 18 were distributed in 2017. UCTC made funds in FFYs 19 & 20 available to eligible Ulster County municipalities through direct solicitation to the MPO. Deadline for applications was January 25, 2018. UCTC staff will provide an update regarding status of funds and program of projects.

**7. Adjournment.**

*A special session of the UCTC Policy Committee will be called to order immediately following*

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*Recommended Action: Review public comments received and consider adoption (10 minutes).*

**4. Adjourn**

**The next full UCTC Policy Committee will meet at 10:00am on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rondout Municipal Center.**